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# U.S. TROOPS NOW CLOSE TO VILLA: NEW FORCE RUSHED TO BORDER

### 200,000 LOST BY GERMANS SO FAR IN VERDUN BATTLE, ESTIMATE MADE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT WILSON

DENIES GERMAN HINT

WASHINGTON, March 22.

President Wilson tooday author-ized a "complete and attenuivoca denial" that any of the inferences

contained in the story published in New York yesterday that Ani-bassador Gerard at Berlin had been requested to remain in Ger-many by Chancellor you Beth-mann-Hollwey, owing to the pres-

The President was very muc

night prove very embarrassing t

"President Wilson through Secretary Tumulty to-day authorized a denial of stories appearing in the newspapers to the effect that the purpose of Ambassador Gerard's remaining in Berlin was to await Germany's proposals of peace. "There is no justification for that inference being drawn."

saued a similar statement to-

tion on Prisons Head.

THAT PEACE IS NEAR

Specially Trained Trench Stormers Killed or Wounded in Desperate Charges.

FIGHT STILL GOES ON

French War Office Reports Heavy Bombardments But No Infantry Attacks.

PARIS. March 22 .- Reports from Verdun declare that 200,000 specially trained young German trench-stormers have been either killed or but but of commission by wounds in the four weeks of desperate fighting incident to the offensive undertaken by the army of the Crown Prince. These troops cannot be quickly replaced. It a caster to talk about using the interfude to mass fresh forces than it is to carry out the performance.

No infantry attacks were made or the Verdun from last night, the War Office announced this afternoon. "West of the Meuse, the artil-

lery duel was very lively in the region of Mal-court, Esnes and Hill 204. A particularly violent fire was directon against the Hancourt Hill.

"East of the Mease the bombardment was intense in the region of Vaux and Damloup, There

most notable in the history of the

The German successes yesterday in Avocourt wood northwest of Verdun were of minor importance. French military men declare, constituting only an admission of German failure elsewhere. It is not believed the Germans will renew their heavy as-German drive, precipitated early in Senate to-day. Senator George F. attack of the modern naval gun. BERLIN CLAIMS MORE GAINS made by Senator Horton of Buffelo.

NORTHWEST OF VERDUN. BERLIN, March 22.-German troops part of the State as Mr. Carter and applause. have captured more trenches in the masmuch as I never heard of him Gen. Wood, introduced by Avocourt woods, northwest of Verdun, before," said Thompson, "I second the Chesis, stated that while it had been

SHORT EASTER CRUISES.

## SECOND TO NONE, CHOATE DEMANDS

awyer and Gen. Wood Address Meeting at Chamber of Commerce.

ROOSEVELT IS LAUDED.

Gen. Wood Says Time to Prepare Is Before the Hostilities Are Begun.

The members of the New York hamber of Commerce to-day, in one and may that will make the United A large number of letters between

lantic innocent men, women and chil- cellar of the City Hall.

OF WEST POINT CADETS ever been subjected to. were no infantry actions. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

Allied officers arriving here are confident that the allies now hold the while hand.

"If Germany has been fought to a standard at a varied when when every ally is free to take the offensive?" asked one military leader.

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WASHINGTON. March 22.—The should before the world and assurable with that the hard and are protected by their own Government wherever they go.

"It is folly to think that the hard on the world on throw, list is folly to do ourselves, our unprepared fine were weather-locked, what will happen when every ally is free to take the offensive?" asked one military leader.

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the year by the phenomenal spring- Thompson of Niagara, who recently "If Mr. Roosevelt were President to-day to recall the substance of any like weather, has ended in what the sought to prevent confirmation of no foreign nation would dare insuit letters between the Mayor and others French believe is the biggest German several of Gov. Whitman's nominees, the American flag or American citi- leading up to the dual subway conseconded the motion for confirmation | zenship."

This last remark of Mr. Choate's "Inasmuch as I come from the same aroused the members to a storm of recall any of it. I know that Press.

the War Office announced this after- motion for confirmation because of generally agreed that the nation was the precedent set last week which upprepared, time was the most essen-French prisoners taken in the region demonstrated to me that the Schate that thing necessary in bringing about

but there were no infantry actions on the Verdun front, except in the Avocourt region. The Germans shot down three aeroplanes north of Verdown of Senator George Cromwell of Rich- waipped into shape within a limited ance." At Obersept, in Alsace, French atr mond. When the Finance Committed. The time to make prepara-At Obersept, in Alsace, French at the 's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is that of Mayor Clay- tree's report favoring the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found there is the nomination to the peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace prevails and not found the nomination tion is when peace pea matter will come up next Monday tion time for preparation."

### AN ARMY AND NAVY MORGAN LETTERS TO SHONTS ON FINANCING THE SUBWAY GO TO THOMPSON COMMITTEE

Turned Over by Banker, Cover Period of Negotiations With City.

SHONTS A SPECULATOR.

Evidence That He Carried Five Separate Accounts in Brokerage Offices.

Shorts and Banker J. P. Morgan bear and discuss a report of the leading up to the making of the dual

Mayor Gaynor and President Shonts Mr. Choate began by denouncing of the Interborough during the period diun't want anything to obscure the the insulting of American citizens on of negotiations leading up to the dual vision of the spectators. He also figsea and land and the foreign Power subway contracts have also been dis- ured that the powerful lights necess which sent to the bottom of the At- covered in the file of records in the sary might overheat the boxers ar

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"The foreign nations know all about low directors, Andrew Freedman and us. In the first place we have not an adequate army. It has taken pretty this time in Inter-Met securities and much all our available and movable that the making of the dual contracts, army to capture or suppress a single whereby the credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The departs also knocked him out of the match. It is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The credit of the City of New The credit of the City of New The credit of the City of New The Ci Senator, Thompson Hits at Whit- much all our available and movable that the making of the dual contracts, opponent for Levinsky. man in Seconding Favorable Ac- army to capture or suppress a single whereby the credit of the City of New Mexican bandit. We are wholly un- York was pledged to the building of prepared to take our place among the the new subways, caused a great in ALBANY, March 22. The nomina- great world powers. Think of a na- crease in the valuation of these

dun-at least not soon. Thus a great was unanimously confirmed by the on the coast that is able to resist the who was secretary to Mayor Gaynor Covernor Loses Choice Place on during his administration, was unable

tracts. "There was such a mass of correrecall any of it. I know that Presideut Shonts did call at the City Hall to see the Mayor once or twice and that Chairman Willox of the Public suited as follows: Service Commission called there often. Down. United States Sanater James of the prevailing room does not against disaster is to prepare before it ating. No details relative to his disfriendship between Mayor Gayner and new total 2.57.

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One of the letters that will be Buffulo.

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### RICKARD CLOSES DEAL FOR MOVIES OF WILLARD BOUT

Operators Promise to Use Lights Which Won't Overheat Boxers or Spectators.

hadn't been enthusiastic about th

ringside patrons. SENATE DOUBLES NUMBER dren. This he characterized as the greatest insult American citizens had ered brokerage houses with whom light they will use will be of the The movie operators, however, suc-"I hope before Congress adjourns," President Shonts was speculating variety exuding little heat. They also said the speaker. That the wing and during this period. The committee has promised to creek their apparatus in Advances National Defense Plans many of this country will be made already examined Mr. Shouts about a box next to the Twenty-sixth Street

#### BROWN FIRST ON BALLOT; WHITMAN AT BOTTOM

Primary Ticket in Convention Delegate Drawing.

for Delegates-at-Large to the Ite-

the negotiations out of his hands, as nutice; United States Senator James I have heard alleged, Mr. Willoox A. O'Gorman, Samuel Untermyer of seemed glad of the Mayor's against-Income is a shown in the frawing

question whether Coter was attached break out suddenly and it was never Public Service Commission, dated gate horses to head the baller would be substantially between resident of New York City ought to the custom for any nation about to fall force and its base of supplies of three transfer and its base of supplies.

New York State delegation a line been considering for several more her conside

TWO U.S. ARMY AVIATORS WHO WERE MISSING; ONE IS REPORTED TO BE SAFE.





### BIG STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIAN WARSHIP

sale of \$5 admission tickets. These Esperanza, of 7,000 Tons and Flying German Flag, Destroyed on Black Sea.

LONDON, March The sunking by a Russian warship of the steamship Esperange off Kull Alira, in the Black Sea, off the Roumanian coast,

### THE SNOW, THE SNOW:

It Started Out White and Turned claring developments in Mexico in-ALBANY, March 22.—Candidares to Mush and As You Step in digated the army is not prepared to both came down somewhere along the It Splatters Kerplush!

W. Wadsworth, ft., Frederick to Tanter, Chairman of the State Countil.

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The Twenty-fourth Infantry and the Chairman Character Countil to morrow, when a soil, of the Mexico, said Sherman. "They will the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the Countil to morrow, when a soil, of the Mexico," said Sherman. "They will the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the Countil to morrow, when a soil, of the Mexico," said Sherman. "They will the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the countil to morrow, when a soil, of the Mexico, said Sherman. "They will the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, said Sherman is the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the fifth Cavalry, ordered to the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow, when a soil of the Mexico, and the countil to morrow when the countil to morrow w

#### MAYOR HITS JOHNSON.

### FRESH COLUMN FOR PURSUIT MADE READY NEAR EL PASO: PERSHING SILENT ON CHASE

One of the Two Aviators Who Were Missing Is Reported Safe, While Search for Other Continues-Villistas Cut Land Wires.

#### "I WILL DIE FIGHTING," SAYS VILLA, IN DEFIANCE

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.-American military authorities are contemplating sending a new column into Mexico from Fabens, a village thirty miles east of here, it was reported to-day.

It was stated this plan was under consideration as an alternative should Carranza refuse the request of the Washington Government for the use of the Mexico Northwestern Railroad over which to trans-

The report of the plan for an entry from Falsens followed a conference between Gen. Bell and an American who is thoroughly familiar with that

tween the Carranza forces and Americans is firmly believed here. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 22 .- While 2,700 additional forces are being ushed to the border to strengthen Gen. Pershing's thin line of communiestions with the field base at Columbus, N. M., Major Gen. Funston announced that he believed Pershing's force was now in the vicinity where

Sherman Says Indications Are 1700ps to Villa had been received. Army Is Not Prepared— Talks of Massacre.

Sherman of Dinnois to-day introduced they were capable of performing all a resolution to authorize and direct the work expected of them in this the President at once to call for 50,000 Fours for the fall or Lieuts. Fig. volunteers for service in Mexico. Un- ward S. Gorrell and Robert H. Willis der the rules it lies on the table until Mr. the lost army aviators, were

pursue Villa.

Democratic: William Church Os. which is such the morthwest may bring clear- born. Unairman of the State Com- weather. States Senator farms of the state Com- or weather. used. Tracks and bridges are destroyed, and it is the intention of Gen. Fun-In case of an emergency what arill ston to send them into Mexico im-WASHINGTON. Maich 32-March lery strength could be mobilized mediately, mad of New York, who . In this promptly for the support or profes-t in-day, is underground to the four far distant line niven. In the States army now has a motor point and of Joseph Johnson, former one unknown to the support of the support of the first time in its history the point and of Joseph Johnson, former one unknown to the support of the sup

50,000 VOLUNTEERS so rapidly that he is now beyond any point from which he could communicate with Columbus by field wireless was Functon's opinion. He was not FOR MEXICAN DUTY was Function's opinion. He was not worried, he said, by failure to hear from Gen. Pershing, though it was from Gen. Pershing, though it was admitted at headquarters here that the cutting of the field telegraph lines was causing some concern.

It was stated at headquarters to-day that no information of reported desertion of a force of 2,000 Carranga The apparent trouble with which

American aviators are meeting in the work at the front is frankly disturbing army officials. New motors were recently installed on all of the WASHINGTON, March 22 - Senator machines, and it was supposed that

THE CHOCOLATE SLUSH! to morrow. Sherman made a brief statement de- reported that one of them descended

drew lots for positions on the primary ballot at the office of the Souretary of State to-day. The drawings rescribed as follows:

Expublican: Senator Food in the whiled down in almost blinding been cult and it is shown the army is south over the country in which the fire whiled five and five and sixty stuff. The flakes are been cult and it is shown the army is south over the country in which the five and communication between the border line and Casas Grandes, Gen. In the same people think," and Short than some people think, and Short than some people think. line of communication between the

considering for several morths, the dail you we of Cleveramental ac-Trucks recently purchased by the War Mitchel said he had no candidate tion?"

Department are now in commission.